

**Description:**

The Idaho Women's Commission provides education and advocacy for women and families. Its mission is to encourage women to increase their participation in the social, governmental,, and economic progress of their communities.

**Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:**

1. Gather and disseminate information on legal, social, legislative, economic, and educational issues for women and families.
  - A. Increase number of contacts and activities planned with Idaho citizens and organizations impacting women and families, and media by 5 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
3,950	4,148	4,355	4,700
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
4,935	5,181	5,440	5,712

- B. Increase number of "Women and Laws" booklets printed/distributed by 10 percent each time it is revised and printed.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
7,800	2,200	11,000	10,000
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
11,000	12,000	12,600	13,000

- C. Increase number of information and referral telephone calls and internet contacts received by Commission office by 5 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
447	469	492	1,040
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
1,092	1,146	1,203	1,263

2. Increase commissioner, public, and legislative involvement on behalf of women and families in Idaho.
  - A. Increase number of contacts and activities with legislators by 5 to 10 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
316	332	349	530
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
556	584	613	643

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- B. Increase the gathering and dissemination of legislative information to Commissioners and public.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
272	286	301	500
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
530	556	584	613

- C. Increase commissioner volunteer hours on behalf of women and families by 5%/year.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
			1,400
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
1,470	1,540	1,620	1,700

- D. Increase the amount of grant money and donations received by the commission to help fund projects by 10%/year.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
			\$5,795
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
\$6,375	\$7,015	\$7,715	\$8,485

**Program Results and Effect:**

Commission members and the Director meet with individuals and community-based groups around the State and country that provide services and advocacy for women and families. The Commission shares information and plans collaborative programs, such as educational workshops on finances and legal issues. The Director takes statewide information and referral calls on the Commission's toll-free telephone line on issues ranging from starting a new business from divorce and domestic violence. Commissioners have collected hundreds of referral sources from each of their geographic regions for the Director to utilize. The toll-free number is listed in the telephone directories of five major Idaho cities and is listed on a web site home page for the Commission. The "Women and Laws" handbook that the Commission publishes provides invaluable information to all Idahoans concerning aspects of our legal system that impact them and their families. The 1998 revision includes legislative changes and is being published in Spanish for the very first time. Commission members track legislation and state agency activities that impact women and families. They communicate Commission positions to legislators and provide legislative information to women and family organizations. As a result, women and families of Idaho are represented by legislative advocates and are better informed about the legislative process. The overall effect of this program is to improve the lives of women and children in the State of Idaho. Education is the key component in assisting women to better provide for themselves and their families. The Commission continues to network with organizations and agencies that assist women and families transition from welfare to self-sufficiency.

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